NOTIFICATION

(Law Department)

No. LAW 28 LCA 65, Bangalore, dated 16th March 1965.

Ordered that the Employees Provident Funds (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (XXXIV of 1964) which has been published in the *Gazette of India*, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 2, dated the 24th December 1964, be republished in the *Mysore Gazette*, for general information.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

H. K. Ananthasubba Rao,
Under Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

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BILL No. XXXIV OF 1964

A Bill further to amend the Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. (1) *Short title and commencement.* This Act may be called the Employees' Provident Funds (Amendment) Act, 1964.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 24th day of November 1964.

2. *Amendment of Section 2.* In section 2 of the Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952, (19 of 1952) in sub-clause (*i*) of clause (*a*), after the words "a controlled industry", the words "or in relation to an establishment having departments or branches in more than one State," shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952, which provides for the institution of compulsory provident funds for employees in factories and other establishments, where an establishment already provides benefits in the nature of provident fund or otherr etirement benefits to its employees, not less favourable than those provided under the Act and the Scheme framed thereunder, the establishment may be exempted from the operation of the Scheme subject to certain conditions. Such exemption is granted by the Central Government in cases of establishments belonging to, or under the control of, the Central Government or connected with a railway, major port, mine, oil-field or controlled Industry and by the State Governments in other cases. It is considered that where au establishment consists of departments or branches located in different States, the power to grant exemption should be exercised by the Central Government. This is necessary for the sake of uniformity and convenience of all concerned. It is accordingly proposed to amend the definition of the term "appropriate Government" given in section 2 (*a*) of the Act. As this power has already been exercised by the Central Government in some urgent cases, it is proposed to give retrospective effect to this amendment.

2. The Bill seeks to give effect to the above propcsal.

NEW DELHI:
The 19th December, 1964.

A. K. SEN.

B. N. BANERJEE,
Secretary.